

Adopt a Dog

PETS NEEDING A NEW HOME



▲ Ralphie, ID 45791

Ralphie is a delightful five-year-old pug. He has the best nature and is very well behaved. He loves company and would suit someone who is home most of the

time. Ralphie has recently had an eye removed (but is coping very well) and he will need eye drops for the rest of his life, so he will need a dedicated owner.



▲ Emma, ID 45472

Emma is a cuddle pot. She is an eight-week-old kelpie cross and deserves a warm, loving home.



▲ Lannah, ID 45895

Lannah is looking for a forever home after being rescued from a pound. A 10-month-old labrador-ridgeback cross, she is a sweet, loving and gentle girl who loves humans and dogs. She

will make an outstanding family pet for anyone willing to provide her with love and training. She is best suited to a home where she has a canine companion.

HOW TO SAVE THESE PETS

Here's your chance to provide a new home for unwanted pets with the help of Pedigree and PetRescue, a not-for-profit organisation that brings together more than 450 rescue groups. PetRescue is Australia's only national, searchable, online directory of rescued animals and has saved more than 34,000 animals since 2004. For more details on any of these dogs, go to www.petrescue.com.au and enter the dog's ID number.



▲ Harry, ID 38871

Harry is quiet, fully house-trained, great with other dogs, loves a run at the park, eats well and sleeps all night. He is a terrier aged about eight, so there are no puppy messes to bother with. He has a little clouding in his eyes, but has no problems seeing. His coat is short and therefore doesn't need grooming.



▲ Santi, ID 41136

Santi has been described by his foster mother as the most loving boy ever. He has a beautiful nature and is an indoor boy, but he is great on a lead and adores his walks and also travels well in the car. He is going well with training and commands and is learning to sit for his favourite treats.



▲ Robbie, ID 46147

Robbie is loyal and affectionate and just wants to be with humans. He loves other dogs, is great with children and is familiar with cats. He is well-behaved and understands basic commands. He is best suited to an environment where people are often home.



▲ Sam, ID 44039

Sam, a pomeranian cross, is a special little soul. He is extremely affectionate and loves getting cuddles. Sam had a mouthful of rotten teeth and was in a lot of pain, but has had an operation and has a new spring in his step.



▲ Elmo, ID 46089

Elmo, a seven-year-old poodle, would love to have someone home with him all the time. He'd like an active home with lots of outings.

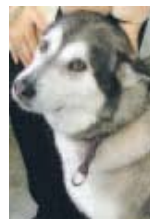


▲ Sophie, ID 38790

How can you resist that face? Sophie is a three-year-old Jack Russell who loves to be close to people and would easily become a devoted companion. Sophie walks well on a lead and like rides in the car. A sweeter girl you would be hard pressed to meet!

▲ Katalina, ID 45904

Katalina, a nine-year-old malamute, is a friendly girl who loves to play and sing. Unfortunately, not everyone likes her singing, which is why she is looking for a new family. She loves people, responds well to training and needs regular exercise.



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MOVIE OF THE WEEK

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SUNDAY, 8PM, SHOWTIME
DRAMA ★★★

The Actors: Kevin Spacey, Lawrence Fishburne, Kate Bosworth, Jim Sturgess.

The Story: With a dream of going to Harvard medical school, shy MIT maths whiz Ben Campbell (Sturgess) is long on brains, short on cash. He's enlisted by his manipulative teacher (Spacey) to join a secret posse of card-counting geniuses out to beat the casinos at their own game. Reticent at first, Ben is soon buzzing on the adrenaline rush and money-spinning opportunities of the Las Vegas blackjack tables. But odds are he'll pay a high price for this gamble. Loosely based on a true story, this effort from expat Aussie director Robert Luketic (*Legally Blonde*) is fast-paced and exciting. Spacey is in robust, if histrionic, form as the greedy svengali, with Fishburne lending solid support as the casino security heavy and sexy Bosworth a delectable love interest.

The Verdict: Safe bet for a slick, entertaining watch.

MOVIES

UNDERDOG
SUNDAY, 7PM, MOVIE ONE

Clumsy beagle Shoshine gets retro-fitted as a superhero – who can speak, fly and has super-strength – while trying to flee a crazy scientist's laboratory. Adopted by tween Jack Unger (Alex Neuberger), the humble hound learns to use his powers to protect the citizens of Capitol City in a fun, if uninspired, live action flick from the Disney stable.

PLANET B-BOY
WEDNESDAY, 8PM, SHOWTIME

Eye-popping, gravity-defying dance sequences are a given, but this

documentary film is also a glimpse into the B-Boy subculture. It tracks colourful break-dancing crews, including Knucklehead Zoo, from Osaka to Paris, Seoul and Las Vegas as they pursue their dreams – culminating in the "World Series" of B-Boying.

BODY OF LIES
EVERY 30 MINUTES, FOXTEL BOX OFFICE

Ridley Scott directs Russell Crowe and Leo DiCaprio in an intelligent and action-packed war-on-terror thriller. The Hollywood A-listers are in consummate form, with DiCaprio as a dogged CIA agent tracking an Islamic extremist in Jordan and Crowe as his boss back home in the US. It's tense and packs a real punch. Watch out for Vince Colosimo's cameo appearance.

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This week's dogs ...



KUDU
STAFFY X

PetRescue ID 45756



COCO
SHAR PEI

PetRescue ID 44734

Kudu and his sister Tina are very young pups and will need extra care to get them off to the best start. They will need a home committed to attending puppy classes and dog school.

Coco is a lovely gentle older girl who is in good health. She is good with other dogs, knows basic obedience and is looking for a retirement home where someone will love her.



RIVER
BLUE HEELER X

PetRescue ID 46629



BLOCKA
CATTLE DOG

PetRescue ID 40949

River is a smoochy 8-month-old girl who would just love to spend her days running and playing, and her evenings cuddled up inside. She is smart and loves other dogs.

If you are looking for a dog to share a walk, potter about with you at home and lie at your feet in the evening, then Blocka is your boy. A mature gentleman, he is the perfect companion.



SMUDGE
JACK RUSSELL X

PetRescue ID 46563



RAGS
BEARDED COLLIE MIX

PetRescue ID 45180

What a face, half white, half tan Smudgee is absolutely unique! As a terrier, Smudgee will love to run around at the park or on the beach. Balls and toys? You bet!

I'm a little scruffy 2-year-old, looking for a family of my own. I've been waiting a while for that special someone but this week, with my picture in the paper, I'm hoping I'll find my new family.

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Claire Harvey



Bit rich to act coy

There are two ways in which it is dangerous for an Australian politician to be rich. One is to inherit pots of dough from daddy; the other is to spend a career on the back benches, creaming cash off the taxpayer by fiddling expenses, jiggering about with superannuation, employing all your cousins in the electorate office or claiming overnight hotel allowances for nights you actually spent sleeping in the back seat of your car beside the Newell Highway.

Malcolm Turnbull has done none of these, so maybe he should relax a bit about his wealth.

It's been fascinating watching the Opposition Leader squirm and stammer all week about the revelation, in BRW magazine's annual Rich 200 list, that he is worth at least \$178 million.

In fact, Turnbull is probably a good deal wealthier than this.

BRW is famously conservative in its estimates, because it knows just how sensitive most of the Rich Listers are. The only thing they hate more than being included on the list is being dropped from it.

Australia has all sorts of hang-ups about money. Poor little rich kids don't get much sympathy.

That's why, if you loiter within a five-block radius of any toffy private school, you'll see kids being let out of Jaguars and Rollers, having forced mum to drive down the back streets to drop them off, so they can pretend they caught the bus.

Australians can't bear people who haven't got what we call "real jobs" — and the list of unreal jobs is long, intricate and constantly shifting.

At any given time, we reserve the right to declare most sectors of the economy "not a real job".

That includes the entire public service, all three branches of the military — especially anything involving a desk (except if the desk is in Afghanistan) — and driving or operating any form of public transport (especially if it's late, faulty, leaky, noisy or going too slowly or too fast).

Teaching isn't a real job, on the grounds that teachers get holidays. Being an executive isn't a real job either, because there are bonuses — and, again, desks.

Being a personal trainer, a model, a singer, an actor or a dancer is self-evidently not real. And appearing on television for any purpose is immediate

cause for declaration of unreality.

This leaves a very small number of universally accepted real jobs: nursing, working on an oil rig and being a radio host — but only if you a) do talkback and b) don't work at the ABC.

We're also a bit disdainful of people who make money off their friends, by running Tupperware parties or pyramid schemes, but we tend to admire people who made their own money.

But Australian society's problem isn't with people who made their own money. The characters in Jane Austen's novels may have considered it dreadfully bad manners to work for one's living, but that view is long gone.

In fact, Malcolm Turnbull's wealth could be his greatest asset — in a public-relations, as well as an investor-relations, sense.

"Yes, I was very fortunate to make a bit of money in the private sector," he could say.

"But I think that qualifies me for the job I'm doing now."

"Frankly, I'm not doing this for the money. I'm here to (insert lofty things here: improve the lives of all Australians/save the children/build a brighter tomorrow/bring down the filthy commies), and that's all that matters to me now."

I'm not sure if law and banking, at this moment in the Australian space-time continuum, count as real jobs — but there's no denying Turnbull has excelled at both.

As a lawyer, he was widely regarded as a brilliant advocate

and a talented thinker. As a merchant banker, he invested his own and other people's money for enormous financial reward.

In Bob Ellis's entertaining memoir, *And So It Went*, a teenage Turnbull arrives at Ellis's flat to talk about a writing project. He wants Ellis's help.

Ellis and his wife, Annie, are looking out the window as Turnbull drives up, and can tell he's in a determined mood. They don't answer the door. Turnbull kicks it down.

Who'd have thought that a young man, bold and bolshie, would grow up to twitch with apparent guilt, as Turnbull did last week when Laurie Oakes asked him about his money?

Not likely. The young Turnbull would have cracked his knuckles, tossed his hair and continued the doorstop with Laurie in a headlock. So much more fun.

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Tale of two nations

WHEN you're deciding whether to go to see the hot film of the moment, *Samson And Delilah*, consider this: it's a love story; there's a happy ending.

Sorry if that spoils it, but I want this film to be a big commercial success, and I don't think that will come if people assume it's a dark, petrol-sniffing documentary, soaked in guilt and depression.

The magic of the movie is that it lifts hope — love — out of the bleakness of remote Aboriginal life. "Isn't this just more 'stuffy white people like'?" a friend said.

Well, yes, partly. The key demographic is educated whites. They'll shed a few tears and go out for pork belly and sparking shiraz.

But that's all right. If you're a middle-class whitey, there's no point pretending otherwise. All you can do is make yourself an informed, thoughtful middle-class whitey.

Some critics say Baz Luhrmann should have made this film instead of *Australia*. I don't agree. Luhrmann's film brought the stolen generations story to a mainstream audience.

For me, the only disappointment of *Australia* was that its black heart was not more openly promoted. For too long, Australian film has been averse to telling indigenous stories.

I hope *Samson And Delilah* can help change that.



Rich list: Malcolm Turnbull

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CINDY SILKIE X

PetRescue ID 43791

Sweet Cindy is a blast. Very confident and active. She loves a game, gets along especially well with boy dogs and would make an excellent companion. Little Miss Personality Plus!



RICKY STAFFY

PetRescue ID 41965

Ricky is a gorgeous boy that needs a strong and positive leader to show him how to be a great companion. He walks well on lead, needs daily exercise and loves attention.



KYE ROTTY X SHEPHERD

PetRescue ID 37026

Kye is just a bub. He has handsome good looks and is presently learning doggy manners. He would love a family that supports his continued learning by taking him to training.



YODA CHIHUAHUA X

PetRescue ID 45326

Yoda is a bit like his name sake, a little wizened but with a gorgeous soul. He loves his canine friends and he's totally loyal, so you'll find him at your heels watching everything you do.



MANNY SHEPHERD X HUSKY

PetRescue ID 35146

Manny's a beautiful boy, who is looking for his forever home! He's very friendly, incredibly affectionate and has good social skills. Do you have room in your heart for Manny?



ZEUS HUSKY X

PetRescue ID 44737

Zeus is the perfect family dog — he loves children and other dogs of all sizes. He has wonderful manners and basic obedience. And gorgeous baby blue eyes. What a charmer!

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TRIXIE Silky X



Trixie is a fantastic little girl. She is very affectionate, obedient and toilet trained. She knows how to sit, stay, and comes when called. She loves being inside and is also more than happy to sit outside and sunbake. So far she rarely barks, and is fine with other dogs and cats. She appears to be no trouble at all and loves a good cuddle. Trixie is just beautiful. PetRescue ID 45919

SANDY Mastiff X

Sandy is a 12 to 18-month-old female Mastiff X. She is full of energy and will require high secure fencing. She is a very friendly girl who is good with other dogs. Sandy is looking for a loving family who will treat her as an important part of their pack. Being a young girl, Sandy will need someone who is able to spend some time to take her to obedience classes and to teach her the rules of the house. PetRescue ID 44959



REGGIE Cattle dog

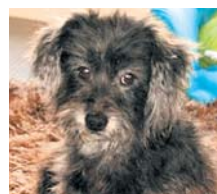
Reggie is a four-year-old, female, red cattle dog. She is a very sweet, sooky and loyal girl. Great with kids, dogs and cats, it was Reggie's love of chickens that got her in trouble. If you are an active (chickenless) family, Reggie could be the girl for you. PetRescue ID 45808

NAPOLEON Bull Arab X



Napoleon is a very happy young male Bull Arab X. He's good with other dogs and just loves people. Napoleon will need someone who is able to set the boundaries and give him the basic training so he can become your perfect pet. PetRescue ID 42908

JASPER Maltese



Jasper is a three-year-old grey and black Maltese, a calm boy, he loves cuddles. He loves to play with other dogs and go for walks. Jasper needs regular grooming. He does not get too excited and doesn't bark much. PetRescue ID 45916



ANGEL Jack Russell Terrier

Senior for a senior? Angel's human mum died so she finds herself in need of a new home in her later years. Angel is very sprightly and loves a walk a day. She wags her

tail constantly and turns around in circles, loving life in her mature quiet way. Angel loves feeling the wind on her face when riding in the car and is simply searching for someone special to share the rest of her life with. PetRescue ID 45558

BUSTER Fox Terrier



Buster needs good fencing and plenty of exercise. He is an adorable, loveable little dog. He can be a bit excitable with other dogs, therefore needs another dog with tolerance. He would be a loveable addition to any family. PetRescue ID 42747

CHINOOK Alaskan Malamute



Chinook is a beautiful girl, both in looks and nature. She is an extremely loyal dog. She is house trained, and is a special needs dog who will require special training and the care of an experienced Malamute owner. PetRescue ID 45346

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Nutty treats harmful to dogs

PET VET
DR JULIE SANDERSON



PICKING nuts from around an old macadamia tree or buying them cheaply at the fruit shop and spending ages cracking them open is one of the pleasures of Queensland life, but one which should never be shared with your dog.

Queensland nuts are fatty and sweet, exactly the sort of treat dogs like just as much as people do but, for dogs, the nuts have a nasty downside — they are poisonous.

It is believed that as few as five or six nuts can make a medium-sized dog extremely ill with paralysis or an inability to move normally, weakness, joint pain and swelling. A dog may also vomit and have a raised temperature.

As with most poisons, the toxic effect is dose-dependent so the more eaten, the worse the poisoning is likely to be.

Perhaps when the nuts were normally kept unshelled at home, dogs were less likely to be given many of them to eat — but a bag or bowl of shelled nuts represents a hidden disaster.

It is believed cooked and roasted macadamia kernels retain their poisonous status too, so dogs should never be given any biscuits, treats or scraps containing the nuts.

And, of course, the chocolate-coated ones are a double danger because chocolate is poisonous for dogs as well.

Some dogs use the whole macadamia nuts as toys to be tossed and chewed.

If the nuts are swallowed whole with the shell intact or, worse, with the whole seed case still attached, the ingested whole nut poses yet another threat to the dog as a common cause of intestinal blockage which requires major surgery.

All in all, this is one nut to keep away from your pet dog.

Dogs need immediate veterinary care to help minimise the ingestion of the poison and to manage its unpleasant consequences.

The way the poison works in a dog's body is not known, but dogs usually recover from the poisoning within a day with no apparent ongoing illness or side-effects.

The same, however, cannot be said for the victims of another poisonous Queensland — the paralysis tick.

The symptoms of poisoning from both ticks and nuts bear some similarities, at least at first, and should not be underestimated.

A dog with any level of weakness and the onset of partial paralysis needs rapid medical assessment.

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